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SHANGHAI SEETHING WITH UNREST

Fear Of Nation-Wide Strike Adds To General Tension Crisis Expected Tomorrow

Shanghai, May 25. Shanghai seethed today with labour unrest. The student strikes and a general feeling of tension threaten at any moment to flare into rebellion. The situation has been heightened by threats of a nationwide general strike on Tuesday.

Informed sources say the situation is deteriorating rapidly. Hungry peasants in the past few months have flocked to the city, raising the population to an estimated 5,000,000 with scarcely enough rice on hand to feed the normal population of just under 4,000,000.

Mayor K. C. Wu blames the government's handling of the unrest on the rice situation. He says the Communists in North China cut off much of the city's rice supply through commandeering and destroying crops, and adds the situation will become increasingly serious if rice is not imported from abroad, chiefly from the United States.

Mr. Wu, plainly showing the great concern he feels, says the municipal authorities are unable to ration rice since they only control 6,000 tons of Shanghai's monthly consumption total of 27,500 tons. The local market, which supplies the remainder, is unsteady and prices have mounted to CN\$400,000 for a 100-lb. bag, which is roughly equivalent to a coal's monthly wage.

Only rationing is being done, the municipality being unable to ration the entire amount until the import reaches nearly 21,000 tons a month.

General Strike?

A crisis is expected on Tuesday when what the government terms "subversive elements" have appealed for a nationwide general strike in protest against the civil war. It is known that the police have been alerted for any trouble.

Informed sources admit the labour situation is almost wholly Communist-inspired while a small group of Communist agitators have been able to cause colleges throughout the nation to strike.

This not only reflects the intense Communist underground activities but also the widespread dislike of civil war, the

Foreign Anxiety

Foreign observers are hoping the approaching climax can be weathered safely but fear widespread bloodshed, especially in Shanghai where the tension can actually be felt, and where in China's history there have been many bloody uprisings.

Some sources even charge that Kuomintang forces within the Kuomintang Party itself touched off some of the student demonstrations in order that one or more groups might gain more power but in the meantime the Communists have taken advantage of the opportunity and these now constitute a dangerous threat.—United Press.

55 Arrests

Shanghai, May 25. Fifty-five Chinese students were arrested today for "carrying on publicity work designed to bring about strikes" and have already been arraigned before the Shanghai Garrison headquarters under the terms of the martial law.

Bail, which the universities involved offered to put up, was denied. Meanwhile, it was announced this afternoon that all the city's striking students are returning to their classrooms tomorrow morning.

Forty-two of the arrested students in today's mass roundup belong to the Tungchi Medical College.—Reuter.

Shanghai Newspapers Suppressed

Shanghai, May 24. The leftist afternoon paper, Lein Ho Jih Pao, the independent Sin Min Pao and the morning paper Wen Wei Pao, the latter being close to the pro-Communist Democratic League, were closed by order of the military authorities on charges of publishing exaggerated versions of the student anti-war demonstrations, thus inciting unrest in Shanghai.

The three papers have been reporting fully on the student demonstrations. The papers were the only ones allowed in school campuses while pro-government papers were banned by the students.

The suspension of the papers is for an indefinite period effective Sunday.

The closure caused a furore in political and journalistic circles, which termed the drastic measures enforcement of martial law to curb unrest.

It followed Mayor K. C. Wu's statement two days ago that martial law would be invoked, if necessary, to quell disorders.

Suspension of the three papers was officially announced last night by the Ministry of Information of the Chinese government. The action is the most vigorous of its kind yet taken.

U.S. MARINE SHOT DEAD

Shanghai, May 25. A United States Marine corporal was shot dead in Shanghai yesterday during an altercation at a restaurant between United States and Chinese servicemen, according to a statement publicly released today by the Chinese military and United States authorities in Shanghai.

In addition, a United States Navy lieutenant, who was on duty at the same restaurant, was wounded by a gunshot wound, which is reported by the Chinese authorities.

Background To Student Outbursts

(By John Roderick)

Peiping, May 25. Government restraints, strong-arm tactics and violence were blamed today by many Chinese for thrusting the anti-civil war issue into the forefront of China's student demonstration.

Originally the "end the civil war" demand was only a second, half-supported plank, injected into the demands of the Peiping University students for higher government food allowances for students, Chinese observers point out.

They added that almost overnight opposition to the continuation of the civil war mushroomed into an overshadowing theme. Arrests, beatings and outlawing of student strikes and parades fanned the students' feelings.

Reasoning of the students throughout the nation follows the line that the economic depression and inflation are the direct offshoot of the exhausting strife between the Kuomintang and the Communists.

China will never make a recovery until the fratricidal fighting comes to an end, student leaders maintain.

The students are not alone in this line of thought. A group of 31 professors of the influential National Peking University (which is presided over by a former Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Hu Shih) declared today the "student movements against the internal strife, the hunger and demand for educational improvement is an inevitable phenomenon created purely by dissatisfaction with the existing political situation and by grievous feelings arising from living under difficult circumstances."—Associated Press.

The Weather

A weak anticyclone covers Mongolia and an associated weak centre lies over the Lower Yangtze and is moving slowly to the east. A deep depression is moving from the west and the associated trough runs towards Formosa and along the Chinese coast.

Today's Forecast—Light westerly winds tonight, becoming light or moderate E or SW tomorrow; fair, with good visibility.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 82.1 deg. F., minimum 75.9 deg. F., Sunshine 4.5 hours. Rainfall 7.4 mm., 0.29 inch. Total since Jan. 1—325.8 mm., 12.82 inches. Average of 24.8 mm.

China Protests To France

Nanking, May 25. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has lodged a strong protest with the French Embassy over the alleged infringement of China's air sovereignty and the machine-gunning and killing of four members of the Chinese border garrison in Kwangsi by two French aircraft last Monday.

Meanwhile, the National Defence Ministry has given orders to the border garrison commander to shoot down any French planes infringing China's sovereignty.

The two French aircraft in question are alleged to have penetrated from Indo-China into Kwangsi at 8 a.m. on May 19 and machine-gunned the border area from a low altitude, killing four soldiers.—Central News.

"LILI MARLENE" LOCATED

Manila, May 25. The Malacanang announced this morning that the missing Government plane "Lili Marlene" has been located on a ridge atop Mt. Ragan, about 5,000 feet up and 22 miles south of Davao, capital of Lanao province on Mindanao island.

It is not known whether there are any survivors, but food and supplies have been dropped at the scene of the crash. A search party expects to reach the plane shortly.

The plane, which was President Roxas' personal craft, carried a number of high-ranking Philippine officials and Col. Edwin D. Andrews, chief of staff of the Philippine Air Force. It has been missing since last Sunday.

The wreck was sighted by a Philippine Air Line plane, and PAL announces that it was rushing a relief plane from Manila to the scene within an hour.

Late reports state the ground search party has not yet arrived at the scene of the crashed "Lili Marlene." It was increasingly felt in official quarters that there are no survivors.

On High Ridge Observers in five different places reported clearly identifying the plane's aerial number on the wreckage on top of a high ridge about 15 miles west of the summit of Mt. Ragan Volcano in central Mindanao.

Major Charles L. Glaeser, search co-ordinator, said searchers reported the wreck was recent. The plane struck the ridge about 5,300 feet level and burned.

No signs of life were seen in the vicinity of the wreck. Glaeser said the Philippine Army has requested a supply of "wreck-talkies" for use by rescue parties which are setting off from several points in the vicinity of the crash.

The US Navy is sending at dawn tomorrow a fully-equipped "Catalina" boat to a point near the village of Bayang on the southern shores of the 2,000 feet high Lake Lanao, about eight miles north of the wreck, with rescue supplies.—Associated Press.

ANTI-TB CAMPAIGN

Tokyo, May 25. An extensive anti-tuberculosis campaign will start in Tokyo shortly, aimed at examining and, where necessary, treating approximately 2,000,000 of the city's 6,000,000 people. Plans for the mobilisation of X-ray-equipped cars to carry out the examinations all over Tokyo have been made and preparations are now ready for the treatment of the disease on a large scale.—Reuter.

European Retreat From Asia

Capetown, May 24. The eclipse and the retreat of Europeans from Asia are perhaps the greatest events of this time, Field-Marshal Jan Smuts, South African Premier, declared in an interview today—his 77th birthday.

He said that the Second of the coloured races in Asia need "world war" which produced these upheavals had ended in a highly insecure peace. Prostrate Europe might erupt at several craters, notably Germany and Austria.

With the European's impending departure from Asia, that continent's stability was threatened. "India appears to be on the verge of far-reaching unrest," he said. "China is deep in it, Japan is completely submerged in it."

"It is for their peoples now, to rise to their responsibilities," General Smuts did not think strained.—Reuter.

M. RAMADIER ACTS Workers "Mobilised" Under 1938 Law

Paris, May 24. M. Paul Ramadier, French Prime Minister, today signed a decree ordering workers in the gas and electricity industries—who decided last night on a "go slow" strike covering the whole country—to remain at their jobs. Refusal to work becomes an offence punishable by imprisonment up to five years.

Under the decree, the workers are virtually mobilised for their civilian jobs. The decree was issued under the law of July, 1938, passed when France was preparing for war before the Munich agreement.

The National Union of Gas and Electricity Workers, which is demanding a 23 per cent wage increase for its members is expected by next Wednesday to be producing only minimum safety supplies for transport and industry and none for domestic use, after deciding last night on a "go slow" strike.

A union official said last night, when Government action was threatened, that it would make no difference and the union has intended to carry its plan through to the bitter end.

Union leaders refused to withdraw the go slow orders posted to all union branches last night in spite of the warning by the Minister of Industrial Production, M. Robert Lacroix, that the Government was in earnest about its intentions to use all means in its power to prevent a stoppage.—Reuter.

Gas pressure and electricity across France were reduced today on orders from the Federation of Gas and Electrical Workers which carried out last night's threat to call a "go slow" strike if their demand for a 23 per cent wage rise was not granted.

The Federation communique announcing this added, "on Wednesday only essential gas supplies (this excludes supplies for cooking) will be assured."

"Electricity supplies for transport and production services will be functioning—at a minimum. In all the other electrical services, union members will stop before equipment with folded arms."—Reuter.

Red Threat? Paris, May 25. Labour leaders were unanimous in condemning the Premier's action but they have

ports that Nationalist troops have recaptured Kangping, 65 miles north of Mukden.—Associated Press.

TANKER HITS FISHING VESSEL IN FOG

London, May 24. With her bows blown off after an explosion caused by a collision with a fishing vessel, the United States oil tanker "Newhall Hills" was tonight being towed into Sheerness by three tugs.

Earlier, the Newhall Hills had radioed, "fishing vessel ran into me. No trace of him." Weather conditions at the time were foggy.

When the captain decided to make for Gravesend, a fire which had burned for hours after the explosion had been extinguished but smoke was still coming from the forward holds which had been ablaze.

It was understood that the crew of the tanker went aboard her again after being some time in the Ramsgate lifeboat which had gone to the rescue at the request of the tanker's captain.

When the vessel was located in the fog, she was drifting towards the treacherous Goodwin where several vessels had been trapped during the past winter.

The tanker was being towed stern first.

Another Collision Another United States vessel, the liberty ship "John La Farge," was involved in a similar accident and also struck a fishing boat which sank immediately.

In her wireless message the American vessel reported, "several men in water after collision. Vessel severed in half."

All shipping in the neighbourhood of the accident was warned by radio to keep a sharp lookout for any drifting wrecks resembling fishing boats, and for any survivors.—Reuter.

JAPANESE COALITION

Tokyo, May 25. The Central Committee of the Social Democratic Party decided to form a joint coalition Cabinet of the Liberal, Democrat and the Cooperative Parties at a conference this afternoon.

The newly-elected Prime Minister, Social Democrat Tetsu Katayama, called on the three party heads today but no Cabinet is expected to be announced before Monday at the earliest.—United Press.

Saved By Prayer And Seaweed

Oban, May 25. Three Irish sailors were in an Oban hospital last night, hardly able to believe they were alive after tossing about for three weeks on the disabled 12-ton fishing boat Myra.

They are tired of a diet of sea weeds, which was about all they had eaten since May 3 when the Myra set out from Mullinsk on the West coast of Ireland for Wellow on the Irish Sea.

Their fuel supply became exhausted fighting the high seas and then storms drove them 65 miles into the Atlantic.

The three men were rescued by the trawler Lugnet which brought them to Scotland. "Prayer saved us, prayer and the sea weed which gave us a little nourishment," they said.—Associated Press.

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Today's Events

May 20—Whitson Race meeting.

Coming Events

May 27—The H. Meeting, 50 Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m. Rev. Alvor Davies R.N. on "The Heretical Church."

May 28—H.K. Realty & Trust Co. annual meeting, noon.

May 29—H.K. Travellers Ltd. annual meeting, Jardine's Ltd. office, noon.

May 31—China Provident annual and extraordinary meetings, Jacobson Room, H.K. Hotel, noon.

May 31—China Emporium annual meeting, 4 p.m.

June 9—H.K. & Whampoa Docks extraordinary meeting, noon.

June 27—Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd., annual general meeting, noon.

Farewell To Insp. Mawer

Sixty of seventy members of the Hong Kong Police Force and their wives, among them a large representation of the previous year's forces gathered at the Water Police Canton on Saturday night to bid "good-bye" to Sub-Inspector Mawer. Mr. Frank Mawer, who is leaving tomorrow for the "Sham" on route to Palawan, New Zealand.

Popularly known among his colleagues as "Tony," Sub-Inspector Mawer is returning after 17 years of service as a member of the force to one of the most popular members of the Water Police set and his lady, a presentation of a certificate of appreciation from a number of officers was made to him by Mr. Mawer. Mr. Mawer, who is leaving tomorrow for the "Sham" on route to Palawan, New Zealand.

Readers' Letters

Collaborators

Sir, I have been in this Colony for nearly 18 months and during this time dozens of trials have taken place, of people who collaborated with the Japanese during the occupation. I have followed the newspaper reports of these trials very closely, and one significant fact has struck me very forcibly all the way through. In every single trial so far reference has been made to the fact that the accused is only one of the small or minor collaborators, who is having to "take the can back" as it were, while the real "big shots" in the Colony who collaborated with the Japanese for all they were worth, and who grabbed every piece of property they could lay their hands on, at dirt cheap prices under the Nkodo, are being allowed to remain free and to wallow in their ill-gotten wealth.

To cap it all, reference was made by your newspaper of May 21 to the harsh sentence given to James Kenneth Gracie for broadcasting anti-Allied propaganda on the German radio in Shanghai during the Japanese occupation of that city. Quite true, it was a harsh sentence. What interests me, though, is the fact that yet

Black Market In Arms

Washington, May 24. A French official source said today that the French Government has asked the State Department to endeavour to use its good offices with Siam to halt Vietnam and other illicit arms in Indo-China from all types of purchases of arms in the Bangkok black market.

He said United States officials replied that it was not the moment to put pressure on the Siam government for fear that it might encourage Nationalist forces, who ruled Siam during the Japanese occupation, to return to the government which the United States wants to avoid at all costs.

The French claimed that its former bands are using Siam as a base for making raids into Laos and Cambodia.

The official source said these raids are increasing in size and intensity and apparently Siam officials are doing nothing to stop them. He said the French Minister in Bangkok was reported to have protested. He said Ambassador Georges Pons had told the Siamese delegates to the Franco-Siamese Arbitration Commission here about these "unfriendly" acts.

United Press.

Collaborators

again you mention all the worst collaborators being still free in our midst while men like Gracie have to be the scapegoats for them.

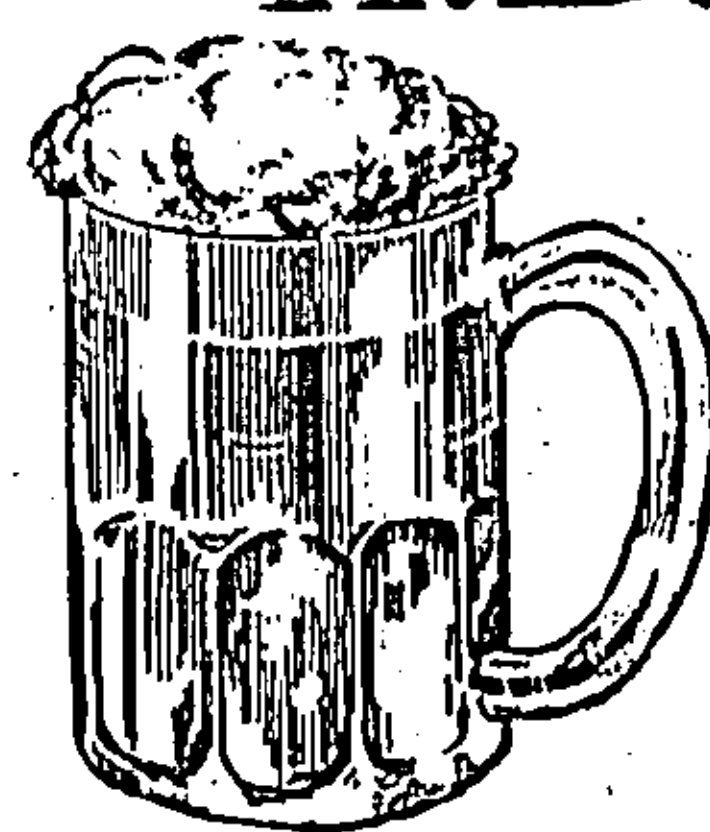
I am getting heartily sick and tired of hearing of these hidden big-time collaborators. For months now reference has been made to them in this very vague manner. Their names must be known, otherwise how do you know they exist? Let us know who these people really are.

Why not let your paper act in the real interests of the community, and emblazon the names of these people on the front page in huge lettering, at least twice a week; and do it consistently until notice is at last taken of them by the proper authorities, and they are brought to trial. Let us not have any more of the "small fry" on trial, but from now on let us have the one-time "big shots" hauled up before the courts in their stead. Your newspaper is one that could help to further this end.

Gracie and the other small-time collaborators have not been saved by the marvellous amnesty, and neither will the others be, if their names are made known.

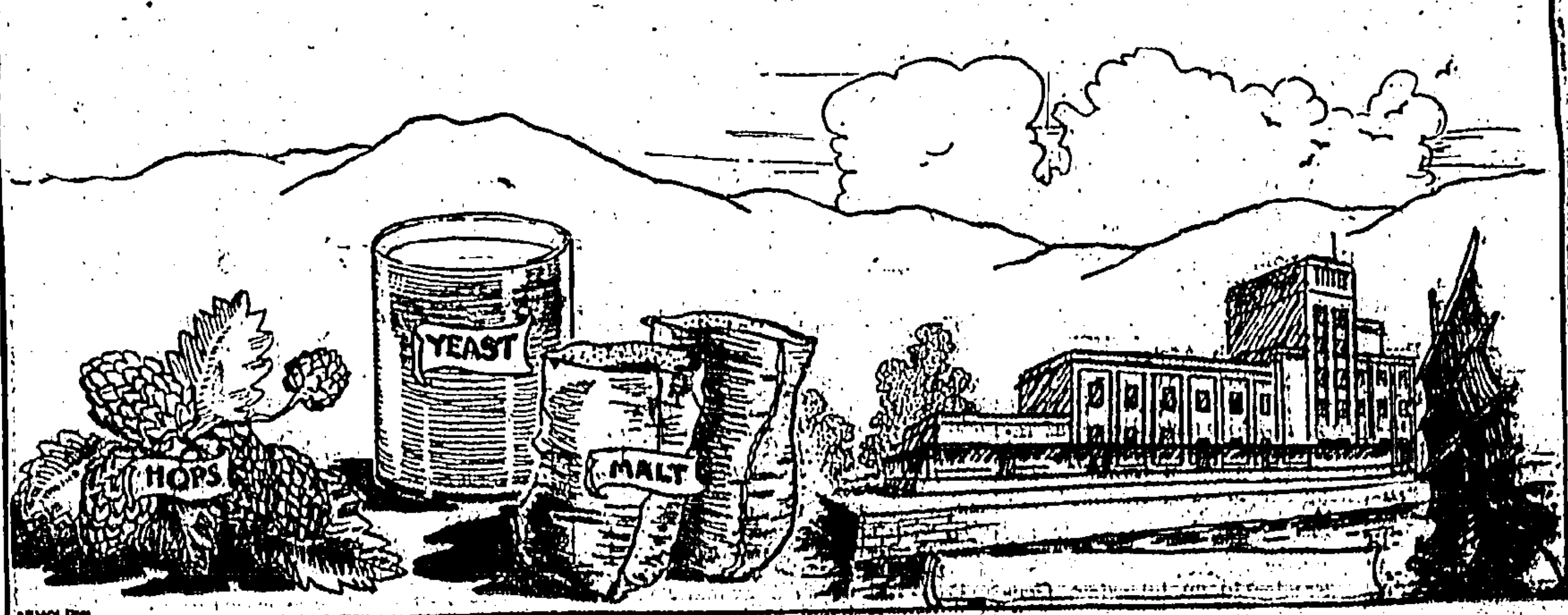
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SINGAPORE GETTING READY FOR ITS FIRST ELECTIONS

Singapore, May 25.

This major Asiatic metropolis is making ready for its first experience with the ballot box.

The British Government has announced that its crown colony of Singapore—which embraces the 220 square miles of the island at the southern end of the Malay peninsula—soon will have its first legislature, the majority of which will be appointed by the Governor named by the Crown, but some of which will be elected.

The Council will have a maximum of 23 members. Nine of them will be elected—six by those born or naturalized as British subjects in the colony, and one each by the three local chambers of commerce. Of the latter, one is Chinese, one is largely British and one is Indian and Ceylonese.

Singapore has a very vocal press, backed by various interested members in both of the English political parties. Complaints about local matters usually get asked about in the House of Commons. An interim Advisory Council currently is performing the legislative functions and the first post-war Governor, Sir Franklin Gimson, has neither vetoed any council-approved legislation nor introduced anything through the Council.

An important example was the temporary shelving of an income tax proposal, which Sir Franklin strongly recommended but which the Advisory Council refused to approve.

Much will depend on who votes Singapore's population is estimated at 300,000, at least two-thirds of it Chinese. A voter will have to visit the Registrar and announce himself to be a British subject. This may reduce the vote from politically apathetic Asiatics.

Declaration of British citizenship also will include giving up allegiance to China or India, something many of the Chinese and Indians in Malaya long have jealously guarded. This may further reduce the electorate. The elections themselves are still some months away, with some persons predicting the first balloting next spring.

The election ordinance must be introduced and hearings held before its passage. Registrars of voters must be prepared and objections to them must be heard.

Local reaction has been varied, but generally favourable. Left wing groups generally called for the entire council to be elected. The influential British paper, the "Straits Times," pointed out that the European majority among the unofficial members which had existed since the beginning of councils in the colony certainly would be replaced by an Asiatic majority.

Great Influence
The non-European majority among the unofficial members will exercise a great influence in the Council, said the newspaper in an editorial, "for although His Excellency (the Governor) has very wide emergency powers, the times are such that it would be much

National Memorial Day, May 30

Washington, May 24. The War Department today announced that arrangements have been completed to honour more than 266,000 United States war dead in overseas cemeteries on the National Memorial Day, May 30.

The Department said that United States flags have been shipped abroad and one will be placed on each grave while a large wreath also will be placed in each temporary military cemetery.

It said, "The Philippine Army will stand side by side with the American Army and Navy personnel now in the Philippines to pay tribute to those who fell during the fighting which eventually drove the Japanese from these islands."

Ceremonies will be held at the United States armed forces cemeteries, Manila I and Manila II, as well as at others in the Philippines.—United Press.

W.F.T.U. AND FRANCO

London, May 24. Informed British trade unionists today expected the general council of the World Federation of Trade Unions, meeting in Prague early in June, to resume its attacks on the Franco regime, but said the British delegation would not endorse any measures leading to bloodshed or implying moral obligation for armed intervention in Spain.

These sources reported the victimisation of Basque workers might be the cause of unrest and fresh energies would be prepared for a mass general strike in Spain, possibly coinciding with the September meeting of the (U.N.) General Assembly.

Reports from Spain reaching London said the Spanish trade unionist movement was still split among itself into three groups, usually referred to as the Toulouse, Paris and Mexico groups.—United Press.

SENATOR ILL

Washington, May 24.

Senator Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee, a sudden illness in his office today and was taken to the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md.

Hospital officials declined to reveal the nature of his illness but said he was "under medical observation and his condition is good."—United Press.

SAIGON, May 24.

A Viet Namese businessman in Saigon has given large quantities of medical supplies and clothing to the "National Resistance Committee." The supplies will be distributed among Vietnamese guerrillas fighting the French in Cochinchina.—Reuter.

Civil War Possible In Korea

Washington, May 24.

The former Under-Secretary of State, Sumner Welles, in his weekly radio broadcast, said today that the United States policy towards Korea is "neither clear, consistent nor constructive."

Mr. Welles said the Korean people were being "martyrized" and added that "no stable and peaceful order can exist in the Far East unless integrity and independence of Korea are guaranteed.... The surrender of Japan brought with it what was equivalent to the installation of two separate military dictatorships in Korea. From the economic standpoint the Korean people themselves are far worse off than they had been under Japanese domination."

Welles referred to Korea as a "cauldron of political confusion and economic distress." Not even the slightest approach was made to formulation of a programme under which trusteeship could be inaugurated, economic barriers between north and south removed and the Korean people given a chance to prepare themselves to assume responsibilities of independence at the end of the five-year trusteeship period.

Risk Of Chaos

Welles said that "it could hardly be more regrettable" that conservative factions in Korea headed by Syngman Rhee should announce "stubborn unwillingness to cooperate with the United States." He said that the Koreans can now only obtain their independence under the terms of the trusteeship agreement.

Welles predicted "protracted civil war" in Korea if Korea became immediately independent and said the Korean people could not assume responsibilities of independence "without running the risks of political and economic chaos."

He concluded by saying that "no permanent and constructive solution is going to be found unless national leaders are willing to lay aside their immediate differences and individual ambitions and join in the major task of promoting national welfare and making the achievement of national independence possible."—United Press.

In view of the recent rainy weather, which has prevented many from attending his show, Mr. Luis Chan has decided to extend his 6th One-man Exhibition at St. John's Cathedral Hall, Garden Road, until 11 p.m. today. Art lovers should not now miss the show which will not be further extended.

PHILIPPINE STAMPS

Manila, May 25. Three values of the Philippine first regular stamp issue will go on sale at the Manila G.P.O. on June 10, the Bureau of Posts announced today. They are 12, 10, and 50 centavo stamps showing Filipino scenes and printed by the American Bank Note Company.

First-day covers with cachets will be issued by the G.P.O. Four other values, mostly showing pre-war Manila, will be issued later.—Associated Press.

Stage Club

Although there is no immediate prospect of any further Stage Club production at the Star Theatre, the radio side of the Club's activities continues to flourish. Today at 9.20 p.m., listeners to ZBW will be able to hear a new play specially written for broadcasting by Nigel Lynton, a member of the Stage Club. It is a melodrama entitled "Who'll Buy My Corpse?" and is the author's first venture into broadcast drama.

It is a tale of jealousy and murder set in post-war London, and is imbued throughout with the sense of contemporary society. It is the moral character who gets the girl, and the hero who is driven to murder her. Nor is the story as simple as that; the knife is driven into the wound, and then twisted with delicate sadism in the closing scene.

Marwood Mules, a newcomer to the Stage Club who made his debut in last week's issue of Radio Magazine, has as his first major commitment the lengthy and difficult part of the hero, More conventional are the feckless young man about town (Lindsey Renton) and the reporter who stops at nothing to achieve an exclusive story (Ian Furnston-Evans). The cause of all the trouble is Judy Rowell, who has already been the centre of emotional entanglement over ZBW in "Helen" and "Dreams May Come," and will also be remembered as the leading lady in "Rope" at the Star Theatre last March. Other parts are played by Clifford Davies, Bill Cole, Gordon Wright, James Shaw, David Lugg, Philippa Coombes and Donald Rudd, who has also produced the play. D.H.R.

2nd Bn. West Yorks Band Leaving

(By Mary Senior)

When the "Dilwara" leaves Hong Kong today she will take with her the source of many greatly enjoyed evenings of the past. With her will go the Band of the 2nd Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, on their way to entertain troops in Malaya.

Among the many different regiments they will come into contact with will be their own battalion of the West Yorks with whom they will spend a short time. This is the first time the battalion have seen their band since the outbreak of war in 1939.

Under their Bandmaster, Mr. H.B. White, A.R.C.M., the band has given 150 shows during their short stay of six months in the Colony. They arrived in Hong Kong in November last and with the exception of four days holiday in Macao they have been kept fully occupied ever since. Quite frequently they have had to play two and three times daily for the entertainment of both civilians and Servicemen.

Among their numerous functions has been a regular appearance at the Hong Kong Jockey Club Meetings throughout the season. They have also played at a large number of dances, charity concerts, broadcasts and on two occasions weddings, at St. John's Cathedral.

Their services have not gone unappreciated and the Bandmaster on behalf of the band, has received many letters of thanks and appreciation of their work.

26 Yorkshiremen

Out of a total of 34 bandmen, there are 26 who actually come from Yorkshire. Most of them have been in the band from the age of 14, when they joined up. It is expected that on arrival in Singapore four will be posted to the United Kingdom and at the end of this year six more players will return to England for demobilisation.

During an interview with Mr. White, I was told that the band will leave behind them many friends who will long be remembered for their hospitality. He expressed special thanks to 3 Royal Marine Commando and the 2nd Batt. The Buffs for the help they had given.

Argentina Deports Nazis

Buenos Aires, May 25.

Johann Harnisch, rated as the most important Axis agent in South America, was deported two days ago with seven other German agents, the Foreign Minister, Senor Juan Bramuglia announced today.

The announcement was believed to have paved the way for the calling of the much postponed meeting of American Foreign Ministers to consider a continental defence plan, since it removed the chief and last of three obstacles against United States participation in the meeting.

The other two obstacles—elimination of Axis schools and propaganda sources and control or elimination of Axis commercial and financial interests—already have been removed to the satisfaction of Washington.—United Press.

The appeal by Inouye Kanno, otherwise known as "Slap Happy" and "Kamloops Kid" against the sentence of death which was passed on him by Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, on Apr. 22, when found guilty by a jury of High Treason, will be heard before the Full Court at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Atomic - Bomb Warfare

Seattle, May 24.

Dr. Stafford Warren, Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of California, said today that any nation starting an atomic war could paralyse the United States and that it would eventually die along with the other people of the world from radio-active poisoning.

Dr. Warren said any nation starting an atomic war would need only a few minutes to start to wipe out the principal centres on the eastern seaboard, middle west, the Gulf coast and the western seaboard.

He said robot planes, or drones could be used to carry bombs over the targets. Each craft would carry six bombs, one to knock down buildings and five to explode underwater and throw radio-active spray into the air. The vapour would spread over the countryside polluting soil and vegetables grown for a long period of years might be unsafe.

Dr. Warren was colonel in charge of medical work in the Manhattan district where extensive research was done, concluding atomic war during the war.—United Press.

Batavia Rumours Denied

Batavia, May 24.

A Dutch communiqué tonight denied rumours that the visit of the Netherlands Commission General to Holland indicated a breakdown of negotiations with the Indonesians.

The Republican Prime Minister, Sutan Sjahrir, also said today that he did not agree with observers who regard the outlook as "grim."

He added: "We are now trying to tackle the Linggadjati agreement as a whole and I expect the situation to be clearer when the Dutch Cabinet makes up its mind about the situation after receiving the report from Dr. Beel and the Dutch Overseas Territories Minister, Mr. Jonkman, who are now on their way back to the Netherlands from Indonesia."

The Dutch communiqué said that the situation and procedure to be followed in the immediate future were discussed today.

Pending proposals brought back from Holland by the commissioners regarding certain important items, discussions with the Indonesians would be continued with the utmost speed about regulation of local government in the transitory period.

One unconfirmed report says that a proposal for the establishment of some form of interim federal government for the United States of Indonesia until the Indonesian Federation is set up in 1949 is under consideration.—Reuter.

Sundanese Separatist Movement

Batavia, May 24.

Sundanese separatists plan to put the republican offices and services which they had seized at Buitenzorg, West Java, into operation as soon as possible, their leader Dr. Soestomo told Dutch reporters today.

A large number of Republican sympathisers with the Sundanese movement (which demands independence from the Indonesian Republic) would be released, he added.

Asked if he expected the Republicans to continue to send food to the town, Dr. Soestomo replied: "Measures have been taken, details of which cannot be disclosed."

The Indonesian republicans have temporarily adopted a "wait and see" attitude, Dutch sources said. Kaden Albedikader, political adviser to Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, Lieutenant Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies, was travelling to Buitenzorg today to study the situation and report to Government.—Reuter.

MANOEUVRES

Algiers, May 24.

A French Fleet, engaged in manoeuvres, in the Mediterranean, arrived in Algiers, French North Africa, today.

The fleet is under the command of Vice-Admiral Jaulard, flying his flag in the battleship Richelieu, which was damaged in the operations off Falaise in 1944.—Reuter.

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lowances.

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in writing with references, cer-
tificates, etc., and passport size
photograph to the Senior Wire-
less Engineer, General Post
Office, Hong Kong, not later
than 28th May, 1947.

E. I. WYNNE-JONES,

Postmaster General.

Hong Kong, 21st May, 1947.

TRANSPORT

It is hereby notified that seal-
ed tenders which should be
clearly marked "Tender for
Provision of Road Carrying
Motor Transport 3 ton capacity
on hire to W.D." will be re-
ceived at the office of the Com-
mander, Royal Army Service
Corps, Queen's Road, Hong
Kong until noon on 28th May
1947 for the hiring to the
War Department as required
mechanically propelled vehicles
for transport of W.D. Stores.

Vehicles will be required in
Hong Kong Island and in Kow-
loon and New Territories and
offers may be made for each
area separately or for both
areas.

Forms of Tender and fur-
ther particulars may be obtain-
ed from H.Q. R.A.S.C.,
Queen's Road, Hong Kong.

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not bind itself to accept the
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or any part of any tender.

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Lt Col. Commander,
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POLICE NOTICE

A. The attention of all owners
and drivers of HAND TRUCKS
is directed to the following Re-
gulations made under Ordinance
No. 40 of 1912:—

B. 4(1) A driver's licence is
required annually in
respect of truck, cart
or van.

8(1) A licence is required
annually in respect
of trucks.

78. Every driver of a
truck, cart or van
shall be photographed
at the public expense.
One copy of the
photograph shall be
attached to the
driver's licence and
one copy shall be
retained by the Com-
missioner of Police.

Every such driver
shall permit the
Police to take his
finger prints if and
whenever required by
the Commissioner of
Police.

79. A driver shall not
drive a truck, cart or
van from the rear
unless the load is so
disposed that it in no
way obstructs his
view.

80. Except with the per-
mission in writing of
the Commissioner of
Police, a driver shall
not drive a truck, cart or van at
a speed in excess of
four miles an hour.
In the case of the
grant of such per-
mission the speed
specified in the per-
mit shall not be
exceeded.

81. Except with the per-
mission in writing of
the Commissioner of
Police, a driver shall
not drive or place a
truck, cart or van in
any of the following
roads:

Wyndham Street,
Cochrane Street, Gra-
ham Street south of
Stanley Street,
Peel Street, Aberdeen
Street, Hollywood
Road between Po
Yan Street and
Queen's Road West,
Eastern Street, Cen-
tre Street south of
Queen's Road West
and Western Street
south of Des Voeux
Road West.

82. Except with the per-
mission in writing of
the Commissioner of
Police, a driver shall
not drive or place a
truck, cart or van in
Ice House Street or
Queen's Road Central
between Queen Vic-
toria Street and
Murray Road be-
tween 9 a.m. and 4
p.m.

83. Except with the per-
mission in writing of
the Commissioner of
Police, a driver shall
not drive or place a
truck in any of the
following roads:

Albany Road, Aber-
deen Street above
Wellington Street,
Arbutnot Road,
Babington Pathway,
Battery Path, Castle
Road, Cochrane Street,
Centre Street, south
of Queen's Road
West, D'Agullar
Street, Elgin Street,
Eastern Street south
of Queen's Road,
Tung Street, Garden
Road, Graham Street,
south of Stanley
Street, Galsloff
Street, Gap Road,
Gage Street, Hill
Road, Hospital Road,
Ice House Street
south of Queen's
Road, Kennedy Road,
Lyndhurst Terrace,
Lower Albert Road,
Magazine Gap Road,
Mosque Street, Old
Bailey Street, Peak
Road, Peel Street,
Pokfulam Road (be-
tween Bonham Road
and Queen's Road),
Park Road, Robin-
son Road, Seymour
Road, Shelly Street,
Shing Wong Street,
Square Street, St.
Francis Yard, Stave-
ley Street, Upper
Albert Road, Wing
Road, Hong Kong, 25th March, 1947.

Fung Street, Western
Street south of Des
Voeux Road, Wynd-
ham Street, Welling-
ton Street, Sal Street
and Zetland Street

84. Except as in this re-
gulation provided, for
every permit granted
under regulation 81
or 83 the fee of
\$10.00 for the year,
or part of the year,
ending on the 31st
December, during
which such permit
is in force, shall be
payable by the
holder: Provided
that the fee for a
special and tem-
porary permit for a
period not exceeding
one month shall be
\$1.00 only.

154. A truck, cart or van
or horse or bullock
drawn vehicle shall
be provided with an
efficient brake in
good working order.
Any Police officer
may at any time
examine the brake of
such vehicle and if
in his opinion the
brake is not efficient
he may cause the
vehicle to be taken
to and detained at a
Police Station.

155. The width of the
face of the tyre of a
truck, cart or van or
horse or bullock
drawn vehicle shall
not be less than three
inches and the
diameter of the wheel
shall be not less than
fifteen inches. The
Commissioner of
Police may in his
discretion prescribe a
greater width of
tyre or diameter of
wheel, if the weight
of the vehicle or of
the load which it is
designed to carry
renders it in his
opinion expedient to
do so.

156. An applicant for a
truck licence shall as
a condition of the
issue of such licence
enter into a bond in
the sum of \$50.00
with one surety to
the satisfaction of
the Commissioner of
Police to ensure the
attendance before the
Commissioner of
Police of the licensee
or the driver of the
truck, whenever re-
quired, and the pay-
ment of fines, com-
pensation or damages
imposed, awarded or
recovered on, against
or from the licensee
or the driver of the
truck.

157. Except with the per-
mission in writing of
the Commissioner of
Police and subject
to such conditions as
he may see fit to im-
pose, a licensee of a
truck shall not trans-
fer his licence.

158. Except with the per-
mission in writing of
the Commissioner of
Police, a truck shall
not exceed six feet
six inches in width
between its extreme
projecting points nor
fourteen feet in total
length, nor shall the
load placed upon the
truck exceed five feet
in width or ten feet
in length, nor shall
a truck be driven
which with the load,
if any, exceeds one
ton in weight. Such
permits may be
granted for any
particular occasion
or for any period not
exceeding twelve
months.

Owners of these vehicles are
informed that a licence will
only be granted in special cases
provided the above Regulations
are fully complied with and that
the licensing fee of \$40.00 per
annum is paid.

D. As from 1st June, 1947,
all owners and drivers of un-
licensed hand trucks and
operating on the roads of the
Colony will be prosecuted by
the Police Authorities.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
Hong Kong, 25th March, 1947.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly Gen-
eral Meeting of HONGKONG
TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be
held at the Offices of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson and Com-
pany, Limited, Hong Kong, on
Thursday, the 29th day of May,
1947, at 12 o'clock Noon, to
transact the ordinary business
of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that the Regis-
ter of Members of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
16th day of May to the 11th
day of June, 1947, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

Hong Kong, 6th May, 1947.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that an Extraordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany will be held at the Offices
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., 18 Pedder Street, Vic-
toria, in the Colony of Hong-
kong on Thursday, the 29th
day of May, 1947, at 12.20 in
the afternoon or as soon there-
after as the Annual General
Meeting shall have been con-
cluded for the purpose of pro-
posing and if thought fit pass-
ing the sub-joined resolution as
a special resolution viz:—

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered by cancelling
Articles 127 (a) and 127 (b)
and that the following Articles
be substituted:—

"127 (a) Any General Meeting
may resolve that any
monies, investments
or other assets form-
ing part of the un-
divided profits of the
company or any un-
realised profits arising
from revaluation of
any assets of the
company and stand-
ing to the credit of
any reserve or any
capital redemption
reserve fund, or in
the hands of the
company and avail-
able for dividend (or
representing pre-
miums received on
the issue of shares
and standing to the
credit of the share
premium account) be
capitalised and dis-
tributed amongst
such of the share-
holders as would be
entitled to receive
the same if distrib-
uted by way of di-
vidend and in the same
proportions on the
footing that they be-
come entitled thereto
as capital and that
all or any part of
such capitalised pro-
fits or reserves be
applied on behalf of
such shareholders in
paying up in full
either at par or at
such premium as the
resolution may pro-
vide, any unissued
shares or debentures
or debenture stock
of the company which
shall be distrib-
uted accordingly or in
towards payment of
the uncalled liability
on any issued shares
or debentures or de-
benture stock, and
that such distribu-
tion or payment
shall be accepted by
such shareholders in
full satisfaction of
their interest in the
said capitalised pro-
fits or reserves."

"127 (b) For the purpose of
giving effect to any
resolution under the
last preceding article
the directors may
settle any difficulty
which may arise in
regard to the dis-
tribution as they
think expedient, and
in particular may
issue fractional cer-
tificates. Where re-
quisite, a proper con-
tract shall be deliv-
ered to the Registrar
for registration in
accordance with Sec-

tion 44 of the Com-
panies Ordinance,
1932 and the direc-
tors may appoint any
person to sign such
contract on behalf of
the persons entitled
to the dividend or
capitalised fund, and
such appointment
shall be effective."

NOTICE

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given
that the Fifty-eighth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of the Company
(since registration) will be
held at the Hong Kong Hotel,
Hong Kong, on Friday, 6th
June, 1947, at 11.30 A.M. for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port of the Directors, together
with the Statement of Accounts
for the period ended 31st Octo-
ber, 1946, and to elect Direc-
tors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Friday, 23rd May, 1947, to
Friday, 6th June, 1947, both
days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS
& SON,
General Managers

Hong Kong, 9th May, 1947.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The SIXTY-SECOND OR-
DINARY ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of the Company will
be held at the Offices of the
General Managers, Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on
Friday, 27th June, 1947, at
noon, for the purpose of receiv-
ing the Report of the Directors,
passing the Accounts for the
year ended 31st December, 1946,
and electing Directors and
Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 20th June, 1947, to the 11th
July, 1947, inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON
& CO., LTD.
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 19th May, 1947.

tion 44 of the Com-
panies Ordinance,
1932 and the direc-
tors may appoint any
person to sign such
contract on behalf of
the persons entitled
to the dividend or
capitalised fund, and
such appointment
shall be effective."

If the above resolution is
duly passed as a special resolu-
tion the following two resolu-
tions will be proposed as or-
dinary resolutions respectively
viz:—

(1) That the authorised
Capital of the Company
be increased to \$20,000,-
000 by the creation of 3,-
350,000 new shares of
the nominal value of \$5
each.

(2) That it is desirable to
capitalise a sum of
HK\$5,500,000 being part
of the balance standing
at the credit of the Fixed
Assets Revaluation
Reserve of the company
and accordingly that such
sum be and is hereby
capitalised, and that such
capital sum be applied
on behalf of the persons
who on the 29th day of
May 1947, were the
holders of the 650,000
issued shares of the com-
pany in payment in full
for 1,300,000 new shares
of the company of the
nominal value of \$5
each, and that such
1,300,000 new shares
credited as fully paid be
accordingly allotted to
such persons respectively
in the proportion of two
of such new shares for
every one of the said
issued shares then held
by such persons respec-
tively, and that the
shares so allotted shall
be treated for all pur-
poses as an increase of
the nominal amount of
the capital of the com-
pany held by each such
shareholder and not as
income and further that
such new shares shall
from the 1st day of
January 1947 rank for
dividend and in all other
respects pari passu with
the already issued shares.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

Hong Kong, 6th May, 1947.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that
an Extraordinary General Meet-
ing of the Company will be
held at 18 Pedder Street (1st
floor) Hong Kong on MONDAY
the NINTH day of JUNE,
1947, at NOON, for the pur-
pose of proposing and if
thought fit passing the sub-
joined resolutions as a special
resolution, viz:—

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered in the manner
following:—

(a) Article 17 shall be can-
celled

(b) In the third line of
Article 71 the word "two"
shall be substituted for
the word "three"

(c) The following Article shall
be substituted for Article
76 — "76. Subject to any
special terms as to voting
upon which any shares of
the Company may have
been issued or may for
the time being be held,
upon a show of hands
every member present in
person shall have one
vote, and upon a poll
every member present in
person or by proxy shall
have one vote for every
share held by him."

By Order of the Board,

R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong,
Dated this Ninth day of May,
1947.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT

COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE

At a Directors' Meeting of
the abovenamed Company held
on the 22nd day of May, 1947,
it was resolved that 37,747
issued shares part of the new-
ly created 304,500 shares of the
nominal value of \$10.00 each in
the Company's Capital shall be
offered at par to the existing
Shareholders in the proportion
of one share per complete num-
ber of two shares held by them
respectively and that such offer
should be made in writing in
the form approved by the Di-
rectors and should be made to
the Shareholders appearing in
the Company's Register on the
first day of July, 1947, and that
the COMPANY'S SHARE RE-
GISTER WILL BE CLOSED
FROM THE 1ST JULY TO
THE 15TH JULY, 1947, BOTH
DATES INCLUSIVE.

The Company now will accept
transfers of Shares for registra-
tion provided the approval of
the Registrar of Companies has
first been obtained in each case.

A circular letter containing
the terms of the offer, together
with Form of Acceptance or
Renunciation in favour of a
Nominee will in due course be
sent out to the Shareholders.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,
R. TAYLOR,
Manager & Secretary.

NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 12 of 1947

Eastern Approaches to Hong Kong. Wagon Light.
Position: Lat. 22° 10' 11" N.
Long. 114° 18' 03" E.

Details: The characteristics of
Wagon Light have been
changed to a flash of
1 second duration
followed by an eclipse
of 5 seconds.

Charts affected: 1400.

Authority: Harbour Master.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1947.

NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 13 of 1947.

HONG KONG WATERS—JUNK BAY

REMOVAL OF SUBMERGED OBSTRUCTION

Position—350' distant 1.25 miles
from Hak Kok Tau (Cape
Collinson) Light.

Details—The submerged obstruc-
tion in the above position has
been removed.

Remarks—The Hong Kong Notice
to Mariners No. 9 of 1947
which refers to the above is
therefore cancelled.

Charts affected—1400, 3020, 3270.

Authority—Harbour Master.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
Hong Kong, 23rd May, 1947.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION

For information of Ship Operators and Charterers

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED
THAT THURSDAY 22ND
MAY, 1947, HAS BEEN DE-
CLARED A WEATHER NON-
WORKING DAY.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
Hong Kong,
23rd May, 1947.

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD.

A meeting of members will be
held at the office, 3rd floor,
Union Building, 21 Pedder
Street, on Tuesday, May 27th,
1947, at 4 p.m.

GEO. T. LLOYD,
General Secretary.

Hong Kong, May 26th, 1947.

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Britons Killed In Greece

Athens, May 24.

Two British soldiers
were killed and four
others, including a cap-
tain, were seized by
Greek bandits in an at-
tack on two British army
vehicles on Thursday in
Greece; a British Em-
bassy statement said
tonight.

The statement did not say
whether the British troops were
armed. They were on routine
duty and usually such forces
do not carry weapons.

It was the first attack on Bri-
tish forces by bandits of either
Left or Right in Greece since
the uprising of 1944.

Correcting earlier accounts,
the statement said guerrillas
made an attack on the vehicles
about 5 p.m. on Thursday near
the town of Avra, 20 kilometers
northwest of Alexandroupolis.
The vehicles were a British
military mission jeep and a
three-ton truck. Two bodies were
found in the truck.

The statement said the captain
and three men kidnapped from
the vehicles by the bandits—be-
lieved to number about 50—
were seen on Friday at the town
of Krovili, west of Avra, and
since have been reported releas-
ed and taken to Komotini by
the gendarmerie.—United Press.

NOTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF AUBREY
EDWARD LEOPOLD
BURGOYNE late of 6 Garden
Terrace, Victoria in the
Colony of Hongkong, mer-
chant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probates Or-
dinance, 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 18th day of June 1947.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.
Dated the 21st day of May, 1947,

DEACONS,
Solicitors for the Administratrix,
Prince's Building,
HONG KONG

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry
Forms for the Seventh Extra
Race Meeting to be held on
Saturday, 7th June 1947
(weather permitting) may be
obtained at the Secretary's
Office, Exchange Building; the
Club House, Happy Valley; and
the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock
noon on Thursday, 29th May
1947.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN
Secretary.

FINAL NOTICE

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Democratic League Memo On War

Nanking, May 25.
The Democratic League called for a genuine attempt to settle the civil war in a memorandum to the Peoples' Political Council today as the Manchurian delegates severely criticized the Nationalist Army for the government's grave position at Chungking.

The Democratic League's memorandum, handed by the delegates to the Council's secretariat, demanded reestablishment of liaison between the government and Communists. It also demanded the halting of conscription, cessation of the practice of collecting land tax in kind, protection of the people's constitutional rights, and release of political prisoners.

The Manchurian delegates charged that the Nationalist Army always allowed the Communists to take the initiative. Other delegates condemned the army for abused demoralization. One complaint said officers engaged in opium smuggling and another that many officers frequented dance halls. Associated Press.

MURDERER SENTENCED

Rangoon, May 24.
A war crime court here today sentenced a Japanese ex-military police officer, Captain Hiroto Kanon, to 20 years' imprisonment for the murder of eight Burmese in the Tharawaddy district north of Rangoon in May, 1945.

Warrior Officer Tawara Chikao, who was also convicted on the same crime, was sentenced to 15 years.
Two other non-committed officers received five-year terms. Reuter.

The Development Of Kwangchowwan

Canton, May 24.
Rapid development of Chankiang, better known as Kwangchowwan, as a leading seaport in South China is envisaged by O King-lim, graduate of the University of Michigan, who left here today for that port to become its new mayor.

Mayor O King-lim said that the port development project and construction of a railroad terminus to link Chankiang with Kwangsi and the vast northwest were planned out by Governor Lo Ching-ying and the Ministry of Communications and that the projects were on the items of the contemplated US\$500,000,000 loan from the United States.

"Chankiang will be a busy place when she becomes a deep seaport and railroad terminus," the new Mayor said. "What I fear is that municipal progress might not proceed fast enough to accommodate an expected increase in population."
"I shall first start with a modern water work, as the people are now using well water. The power plant needs expansion. Of course the municipal government need not run all these public utilities but encourages free enterprise. I hope American and other foreign interests will invest in these do-China."

M. Bollaert To Meet Thanh Thai

Saigon, May 24.
Political circles expect that the impending meeting which is expected between the High Commissioner, M. Emile Bollaert, and the 70-year-old former Emperor of Annam, Thanh Thai, will be "significant."

M. Bollaert, who was to have left for Paris today but postponed his departure for a week, left by air this morning for Hue, capital of Annam.

Later he is expected to visit Cape St. Jacques, 80 miles from Saigon, where Thanh Thai has arrived this week after more than 30 years in exile.

During his visit to St. Jacques, M. Bollaert is also expected to study living conditions of hundreds of Annamite skilled labourers who were recently repatriated from France. —Reuter.

Moscow, May 24.
The names of members of a White Russian officers corps which the British are accused of maintaining at "the anti-Soviet centre" at Kellerburg, Austria, were mentioned here for the first time today by the Soviet Army newspaper.

This is the latest attack by Soviet newspapers in the campaign of bitter criticism directed against the displaced persons camps under Allied control.

The names mentioned in the Soviet Army journal include that of Colonel Rogozhin and some 130 officers, notably the former Czarist generals, Bredov and Morozov. The list also includes a force of the Czar's Guards headed by the former Czarist Colonel Christophorov and men of the corps of Generals Denekin and Wrangel, who led the anti-revolutionary armies in the Russian civil war.

The Kellerburg Camp, the "Red Star" said, is commanded by a certain Major Thomas, of the British Intelligence Corps, "who married the daughter of one of the Russian generals".
The name of the "organization," the paper alleges, has been changed to "White Russian Camp."

Pledge Of Faith

At a banquet, it is alleged, given on Nov. 21 last year, a waiter is said to have said that "drunken White Guards pledged faith to their new bosses."

"The calm, smooth life of the inhabitants of the camp is only a mask behind which is hidden the boiling activity of the Russian Emigrant Committee" headed by Colonel Rogozhin, and of various "unions" or "recovery-

ables," the waiter is said to have added.

"The Kellerburg camp is the centre of a far-reaching organized propaganda network, the purpose of which is to keep outside the borders of the Soviet Union at any cost Soviet citizens who are in foreign lands as the result of the war," the Red Star writer asserts.

"Traitors to the fatherland who had become paid agents of the Gestapo, members of the SS torture corps and hangers-on of the people who were fighting for freedom, now circulate in camps for refugees and displaced persons."

"They slander, threaten and frighten the victims of Fascism, making them abandon the idea of returning home."

"Dormant Fascists"

The Red Star writer described the Rogozhin Corps as a concentration point for activities against the Soviet Union for many committees and unions "which have found dependable hospitality in the western zone of occupation of Austria and Germany."

The writer Leontiev today asserted in an article in the Communist organ Pravda that nothing had been done to carry out the agreement reached at the Moscow session of the Council of Foreign Ministers that everything possible should be done to speed up the repatriation of displaced persons.

"Those wishing to be repatriated," he said, "encounter almost insurmountable obstacles. The so-called National Committee composed of dormant Fascists rule in the camps of the American and British zones of Germany where Soviet citizens from the Baltic States are located."

"The British and American press and radio openly back the attitude of non-repatriation. Recruitment of displaced persons who are subjects of Allied countries for work in Britain, Belgium, Canada and other places in need of cheap labour has increased," Leontiev added. —Reuter.

Chinese Reds Have 800,000 Troops

Nanking, May 25.
The Vice-Minister of National Defence, Gen. Lin Wei, told the People's Political Council yesterday that the Chinese Communists have 800,000 troops actively engaged in combat.

Gen. Lin Wei said that about 90,000 are on the outskirts of Changchun, capital of Manchuria.

He claimed that their attacks were launched without any particular long-range objectives other than to disturb the government by attacking Nationalist garrisons wherever they are not strong.

More than 100 Communist-held counties have been recaptured in the recent government drive, the Minister said.

Meanwhile, minor clashes continued on the outskirts of Changchun yesterday, with large reinforcements reportedly driving toward the Manchurian from Dairen. —United Press.

MOSCOW RADIO COMMERCIALISED

Moscow, May 24.
Moscow radio commercialised in local papers today that effective immediately the Moscow City radio network is accepting advertisement and announcements.
The notice was addressed to persons in trade, cinema and theatre enterprises, Soviet and scientific institutions, education institutions and other organisations.
"Rates will be according to the established tariff," the advertisement said. —United Press.

Americans Evacuate Peitaiho

Tientsin, May 25.
United States Marines have evacuated 65 women and children, including three Americans, from Peitaiho, famous pre-war summer resort where they had been isolated since the Communists cut the railroad between Tientsin and Peitaiho a week ago.

The Nationalists reported that the Reds had captured Peitaiho but if this was true the capture took place after the foreigners left the resort for Chinwangtao to board an LCI. Chinwangtao also was reported under Communist attack.

The United States consulate said the American Methodist mission at Changli was sacked and burned by Communists during a brief occupation but the missionaries were unharmed. —Associated Press.

Japanese-Made Cotton Goods

Tokyo, May 25.
The first post-war sales of Japanese manufactured cotton garments and finished cotton fabrics were reported today by the foreign trade division of SCAP's Economic and Scientific Section.

The sales included 350,000,000 cotton singlets and approximately 2,700,000 linear yards of bleached, dyed and printed fabrics which will be shipped to the Netherlands Indies in June. The items were produced from Commodity Credit Corporation cotton imported from the United States. —United Press.

To India

Tokyo, May 25.
General MacArthur's headquarters announced today the first post-war sale of Japanese products to India—approximately 80,000,000 linear yards of cotton fabrics and 8,000,000 pounds of cotton yarn.

Most of the goods are scheduled to leave Japan in the next few weeks.

It was also announced that approval has been given for the entry of a six-man India trade mission to Japan. The group is scheduled to leave India by air this month. —United Press.

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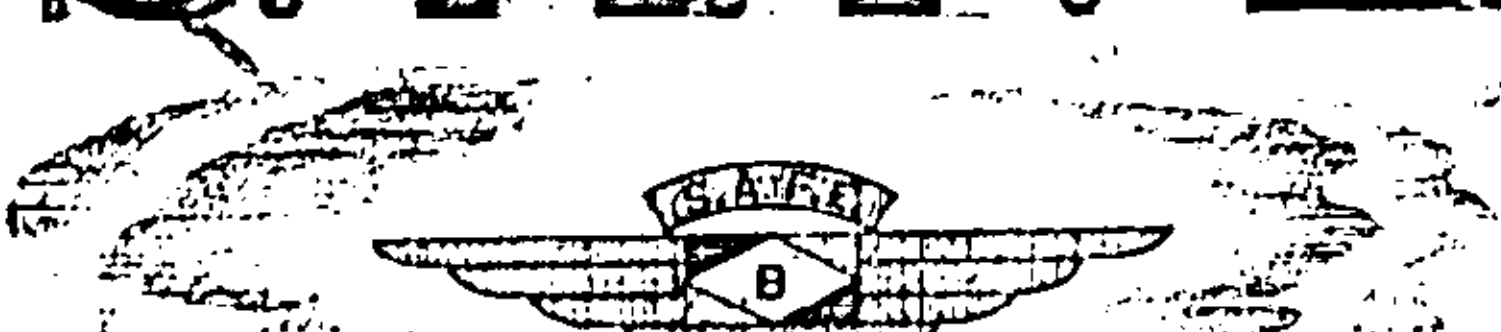
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UNION OF EUROPE

Mr. Churchill pursues with characteristic tenacity the conception of the United States of Europe which he launched, or rather revived (for it has an immensely long pedigree) in his speech at Zurich last September. Recently he gathered representatives of all parties and professions at the Albert Hall to join in advocating a British organisation to further the conception. In theory, at least, it is so logical and attractive that the most sceptical could not wish to be deprived of any chance of learning exactly what it means and how it could be carried into practice. There is, however, a grandeur in the fact that a great war leader should devote so much of his energy after victory to planning a temple of peace; and there is considerable practical merit in finding a cause which transcends partisan considerations.

It may well be that the common miseries of Europe—so profound and so menacing—will act as an urge towards union between its component States. It may well be that the British Commonwealth and other States with interests extending beyond Europe will prove a bridge between the existing Continental unions and the new one now proposed. Grave indeed would be the responsibility of any who sought to deny so beneficent a possibility or to denounce its advocacy as a selfish move—though, as Mr. Churchill observed with studious moderation, Soviet Russia is in fact doing both these things. Perhaps if the organisation now to be formed succeeds in defining the conception more clearly, national suspicions, of which the Russian attitude is only one example, might in time be lulled.

Some day someone must say what powers the United Europe entity would possess, what surerenders of national sovereignty are involved, and how the idea would work in practice. No stones should be cast at it in advance. It is intended to make the United States of Europe one of the constituent elements of the United Nations. There is no rivalry here, but only a desire to make the task of the greater organisation easier. The more the United Nations organisation disappoints, the more necessary it becomes to search for something which, even on a regional basis, will keep alive that idea of brotherhood and co-operation which the United Nations was intended to secure. The good wishes of all who refuse to contemplate a relapse into national antagonism must go out to Mr. Churchill in these earliest stages of a gallant venture.

100 Years Ago Today

(From the files of the China Mail, May 26, 1847).
There is a growing conviction here and also in England that though the tariff with China negotiated by Sir Henry Pottinger is nominally moderate, still the Government manages to exact heavy contributions from foreign trade through the inland customs house. In point of fact, an excise is laid upon imports going into consumption and exports are farmed through certain parties in contravention of the treaty of Peking.

It is hoped that the matter will engage the attention of H.M. Plenipotentiary. The people of England are disappointed with the result of opening the trade of China—and not without cause as they disappointed as for the last three years the losses have been enormous.

C. MARKWICK will sell by Public auction this day at 11 a.m. at his Sale Rooms, Queen's Road—a quantity of White Blankets, more or less damaged by sea water; second hand Wearing Apparel; Patent lever Hunting Watches; by Just & Co., London; suspenders, injecting apparatus; ponies; New Black Silk handkerchiefs in pieces; Spy-glass; Walking Sticks; Dark Brandy; Blacking; in Tins; Crockery and Glass-ware; and a variety of other articles.

BLUEPRINT FOR THE NEW BRITAIN

The Town Planning Measure

By DR. GEORGE GRETTON

Britain's reconstruction plans hinge on industrial development. Until the national economy—first the coal and steel and then the finishing industries—is fully reconstituted and streamlined, the full national reconstruction plan cannot be completed. At the same time, the great principle of Britain's planning as she enters the second half of the twentieth century is that the plans are made to serve the people. However essential it is to restore and expand industrial wealth, this will be in vain if it stops there. If it is simply a means to an end, and the end is to create a richer and more dignified life for the great mass of the people in these islands. It is this fact, and the corollary that the goal must be achieved within a framework of democratic freedom, which gives the present phase of the development of Britain its peculiar and historic importance.

Untiring Scrutiny

While the basic industries are being reorganised, the British Government is pressing forward with a no less fundamental aspect of planning. During last week the Town and Country Planning Bill was being hammered on the tough anvil of parliamentary committee into its final legislative form. This Bill has behind it a long history of hard thinking and untiring scrutiny. It began to take its present shape after publication of the brilliant Uttworth report on the control of the use of land as long ago as 1942. The time has not been too long for the creation of a comprehensive framework for the rebuilding of Britain is not only a vast and complex task in itself, but raises intricate legal problems closely affecting the rights of innumerable individuals.

It would be simple for the state to expropriate the whole national land—as has no occasion been done by less democratic governments. But this is a foreign to the whole British political and social purpose. It would mean abandonment of one of the two essential pillars of British reconstruction—freedom and organisation. Therefore, one of the more controversial sides of the Town and Country Planning Bill is assessment of compensation for values lost by individuals in the process of redrawing the map of Britain. It may seem a restricted objective compared with the wider scope of the Bill—the design of great new towns, the re-siting of whole industries, distribution of land between farming, housing, public amenities and factories, and so on. But it is of great psychological and political importance.

Financial Burden

Technical difficulties revolve round the allocation of the financial burden of reconstruction and assessment of compensation for changes in value

Americans Meet English Music

New York, May 25.
The little-known music of two famed English composers, Henry Purcell and Frederick Delius, has been made available in America with the production of a series of new gramophone records. "Why do movie people bother to have mood music written for their new films," writes Irving Kolodin in the New York Sun, "when the Delius violin concerto is available in the principal revelation of its first appearance here on Columbia records." The recordings were made by Albert Sammons, the violinist, with Malcolm Sargeant conducting the Liverpool Philharmonic.

The New York Sun article said "there is an initial attraction in the dulcet clanging sound. That Delius wrote into the first section 'Both Sammons and Sargeant do their work well and the orchestra is excellent.'—Associated Press.

A BRIGADIER'S FAREWELL

New York, May 25.
The following "personal" advertisement appeared recently in the Statesman, New Delhi: "Brigadier Cane leaving for the United Kingdom, desires to thank his British and Indian friends for many kindnesses. He further desires that his enemies should not indulge in wishful thinking."—Associated Press.

arising out of changed utilisation of the land—the so-called compensation and betterment. The proportion of land which is to be requisitioned or compulsorily acquired by public authorities will be quite small. Main problems in this respect arise from the compulsory change of the use to which the land is put, or in a ban on change of use. That is to say, if land is being farmed the authorities may decide that it must go on being farmed which would increase its value. In this case, the owner may be compensated for loss or potential loss. At the same time, another owner may find that his land can be developed in some way which increases its value. An obvious example is where a whole new anticline town may be built on agricultural land of fairly low value. In this case, the plan provides for "betterment" being levied on the fortunate owner—the figure proposed is 80 per cent. of the increased value. To a certain extent these two opposite developments will cancel each other out and the authorities will be able to meet compensation liabilities out of betterment assets. Since, however, the balance cannot possibly be exact for the country as a whole, and since a certain amount of land will in any case be acquired by the authorities, a special fund of £300,000,000 is earmarked to finance the operation.

Market Values

Previously, it was proposed to take as a basis of compensation the 1939 value of the property, with certain exceptions. Since the value of real estate has risen greatly owing to the general rise in prices and increased building costs, this provision has been criticised. Government, therefore, amended the plan to make current market values the basis of compensation. At the same time, in the public interest, the new clause is qualified by the condition that the property which has undue security value. Owing to the cessation of building during the war, and to the immense war damage by enemy action—estimated at some £600,000,000—there is an acute housing shortage which has the

effect of raising the market value of houses with immediate possession to an inflated extent. The public is being protected against having to pay inflated prices of this kind.

This clause is only one of 400 amendments giving the Bill its final shape. Its importance lies in the balanced fairness to the individual on one side, the state on the other, which it reveals. It typifies the qualities which make this blueprint for the new Britain only one of the historic examples of democratic planning.

Gasperi Success In Sight

Rome, May 24.

Premier Alcide De Gasperi today moved cautiously toward formation of his fourth government and won the support of the Communists and Italy's three grand old men of politics on his programme for a union of all parties to replace the tri-party coalition.

De Gasperi's conference with party leaders centred on the country's economic and financial crisis and his insistence on the government including all parties willing to cooperate.

At the end of nine meetings he still had met no opposition, but carefully refrained from even hinting that he expected a quick success.

De Gasperi won declarations of support from the elder statesmen, Victor Emmanuel Orlando and Francesco Nitti. In addition, Ivanoe Bonomi gave his full support to any new De Gasperi Cabinet.

The Communist chief, Palmiro Togliatti, said after his meeting with De Gasperi that they exchanged views on the economic situation and "methods to settle the problems," undoubtedly including the Christian Democrat leader's plans for a government with a wider base.—United Press.

London, May 24.

A well-informed British source said today that Britain had spent nearly £2,500,000 since March 31 on the Greek armed forces while waiting for the United States to appropriate funds to take over the burden.—United Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

LEARN FROM DUPLICATE

Some of the most successful rubber bridge players have developed important phases of their well-rounded game through lessons learned in duplicate tournaments. One of the most fundamental is that it seldom pays to let the other fellows play a contract of one in a suit, especially when a single suit has been bid by one opponent and then passed by his partner. If the next player, whose pass would close the bidding, has a hand of close to average strength, with fair length in one or two other suits, it is likely will pay him to keep it open with a double. This gives his partner the option between a business pass and a minimum call of No Trumps or any other suit.

S Q J 6
H J 5 4 3
D K Q
C A J 3 2

S K 5 4 3 2
H K Q 2
D J 10 8
C K Q

S 10 8 7
H A 9
D A 4 3 2
C 9 8 7 5

(Dealer: vulnerable).
South West North East
1. Pass 1S Pass Pass
2. Pass 1S Pass Pass
3. Pass 1S Pass Pass
4. Pass 1S Pass Pass
5. Pass 2S

Under No. 1 sequence is the bidding that actually occurred on this rubber deal. West made his contract on the head, losing three tricks in diamonds and one each in the other suits. South's pass of the 1-Spade was very bad bridge. No duplicate player of acumen would ever have done that, as he knows the value of chiseling for possible margin. The same principles apply with variations, however, to the rubber bridge, in

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I think the labour situation may be looking up, J. G.—as I came in this morning, one of the employees said hello!"

The Luxury Of The Ancients

from J. L. Hays.

Jericho, Saturday.
A complete picture of the civilized luxury enjoyed by the Omayyad princes, the Arab conquerors of Syria and Palestine in the Eighth Century A.D., has been laid bare after ten seasons' digging in the Jordan Valley by the Palestine Department of Antiquities.

For months a great country house of twelve centuries ago has been gradually emerging from heaps of debris, a palace complete with water and drainage systems, hot and cold baths, a fountain, two mosques, a monumental gateway, and even a "game preserve."

The latest and most important excavation is a magnificent gymnasium—complete—with swimming-pool. It has elaborate mosaic floors—the finest and best preserved yet discovered in Palestine—and painted plaster statues. One of the floors fills an alcove adjoining the gymnasium and depicts in masterly style two gazelles grazing beneath a pomegranate tree. Another shows a lion attacking a gazelle. The workmanship generally possesses realism and a suggestion of landscape painting reminiscent of the wall mosaics in the Omayyad Mosque at Damascus.

The lives led by this first line of Arab rulers (one of whom, Abd al Malik, built the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem in 691 AD on the site of the Jewish Temple) are now being reconstructed at Khirbet Mefjer and in the Jerusalem Museum. The century during which they flourished was the heyday of Arab rule and civilization in Syria and Palestine.—Special.

but, like most Arab buildings, it was never completed—for in a corner of one room, complete except for the roof, lies a heap of tiles still waiting for the builders.

The original name of the house is unknown but it is known locally as Khirbet Mefjer, the Ruin of the Spring. Its water supply comes by aqueduct from a spring nearly two miles away.

The site is one mile north of Jericho and attention was first called to its possibilities when local builders began haughtily curiously carved stones from the debris.

The Omayyad Caliphs and their viceroys ruling in Damascus and Jerusalem were Bedouin and, like true sons of the desert, disliked living in crowded disease-ridden cities. So they lived as much as possible in surrounding deserts, first in black goat-hair tents but later in permanent buildings. As there were few, if any, craftsmen among the Arab conquerors they employed the local architects and workmen—who had built the churches of Byzantine Syria. Thus a typical Byzantine character attaches to all Omayyad buildings at Damascus.

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BRITISH CLAIMS

Belgrade, May 25.
Three members of a British delegation arrived in Belgrade yesterday to negotiate with Yugoslav authorities on the settlement of British property claims.

Chief of the delegation is Patrick D. Mulholland, former chief representative of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation in the Middle East.

The other members are Charles Fletcher Cooke, legal adviser and Reginald C. Dunn, financial and accounting officer.—Associated Press.

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Force Behind President's Plan

Blueprint Of U.S. New Strategy

Washington, May 24. The primary purpose of Admiral Richard Conolly's visit to Persia and Turkey—which has set the world guessing this week—was to demonstrate that military force is behind President Truman's doctrine of resisting Communist expansion, comments Paul Scott, Reuters chief Washington correspondent.

The tour of these countries, just completed by Admiral Conolly, who is the United States naval commander in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, is expected to contribute valuable information for the new orientation of United States global strategy, and for the protection of interests now regarded as vital to America in that part of the world.

Official circles here expect that the information gathered by Admiral Conolly will enable military planners to fill out a blueprint of new United States strategy, which regards Greece and Turkey and the rich Middle East as the lifeline of the United States.

This does not mean that Britain is retreating from that area or that the United States is taking over the responsibilities there and both British and United States officials in Washington continue to deny such suggestions.

Military Alliance

It does mean, however, that: 1.—The United States has assumed developing responsibilities in Greece and Turkey, equivalent in European terminology to a military alliance and that the United States can never retire from these responsibilities as long as Russia is pursuing what is considered an expansionist policy in these parts of the world.

2.—The United States can never allow the Middle East area, upon whose oil the United States fleet depends for any wartime operation, to fall into the Soviet sphere of influence.

3.—The State Department and War Department regard the Dardanelles as the key point to any threat which the United States will resist by force of arms if necessary.

Trouble Spot

Officials acquainted with the strategy of both the British and

ARUNDEL CASTLE RUMOURS

Southampton, May 24. Rumours of protests by servicemen about conditions in the Arundel Castle during her voyage from Bombay were denied when the troop ship reached Southampton today. "There was some unrest when servicemen embarked at Bombay but everyone quickly settled down and the voyage has been uneventful," a ship's officer told the press. —Reuter.

EL ALAMEIN IN HANTS

London, May 24. The original El Alamein station name-board and bell have been gifted to Enham Alamein—a Hampshire village centre for disabled ex-servicemen and women. The gifts come from the Cairo Alamein Club, who also sent three pairs of wrought iron gates, donated by the Navy, Royal Artillery and Royal Air Force.

Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Allfrey, General Officer Commanding British troops in Egypt has presented the last Union Jack to fly over the Kasr El Nil barracks in Cairo. Work has started on the first three pairs of cottages at Enham Alamein and they are expected to be finished by August. —Reuter.

Wheat Allocations

Washington, May 25. The Department of Agriculture announced tonight an additional allocation of 150,000 tons of wheat and flour for the British and United States zones in Germany in June and of 1,500 tons of maize for Britain in May.

This new allocation for Western Germany is in addition to the 356,000 tons of assorted grains already destined for that area next month.

The Department announced a long list of supplementary allocations which totalled 233,000 tons of wheat and 180,000 tons of corn and 8,000 tons of barley.

Included in these was 150,000 tons of corn which, as already announced by the State Department, is to be sent to France in addition to her regular supplies.

It was learned today, however, that the French Government is trying to borrow against future allocations yet another 150,000 tons of grain—including 84,000 tons of wheat, for delivery in June.

The State Department and the Department of Agriculture have considered the French request, which proposed that these new supplies be rushed across the Atlantic as soon as possible to meet the deficit expected in France between now and Aug. 1, and that they be debited against the July, August and September allocations.

Other supplementary allocations announced by the Department of Agriculture today included 12,000 tons of flour for Italy, 9,000 tons of corn for Poland, 24,000 tons of flour for the British and American occupation areas in Italy, and 23,000 tons of flour.

The Department said that these new deliveries would largely be made out of supplies already in the hands of the United States Government, and stressed additionally that a big new supplementary allocation for Germany depended on the transport situation.

It is this same consideration which is the main factor now being considered by the United States Government in connection with the French new request for an advance allocation of 150,000 tons of grain. —Reuter.

Technology To Blame

Seattle, May 24. Dr. Robert Sproul, president of the University of California, said today that the rapid advance of technology has hurried the western world into its third great crisis since the days of the Roman Empire.

In a speech prepared for delivery at the inauguration of Raymond Allen as president of the University of Washington, Sproul said the present era is similar to the days preceding the fall of the Roman Empire and the decay of feudalism.

Dr. Sproul said that technology has "prematurely brought to birth" Communism in the international field. He said anarchy would seem to face the world unless man develops political instruments to match these technological instruments which made nations economically inter-dependent and crowded "time and space through rapid means of communications and transportation." —United Press.

Milch Appeal

Nuremberg, May 24. Dr. Friedrich Bergbold, lawyer for Field Marshal Erhard Milch, said today that the one-time Luftwaffe chief had filed by letter a request with the United States Supreme Court for a review of his conviction by the United States War Crimes Tribunal in April. He was sentenced to life. Bergbold said he also asked the U.S. European commander, General Lucius Clay, for clemency but had heard from neither appeal.

In addition, Milch appealed to the Red Cross asking that conditions of his sentence be met to fit his former rank "according to the Geneva Convention." —United Press.

TURKEY'S PLANS

Istanbul, May 25. More and better airfields and increased modernisation of the army are among the main points in the strengthening of Turkey's defences which is to be carried out with the help of the United States, the Istanbul news paper, San Posta, said today. Other points in the programme will be the construction of strategic roads, standardisation of armaments and the modification of training methods in the land, sea and air forces, the newspaper added. —Reuter.

Good Augury For The Balkans

Athens, May 24. M. Constantin Tsaldaris, Greek Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, described here today yesterday's signing in Geneva of the report of the United Nations Balkans Inquiry Commission as "of happy augury."

"An agreement reached on certain basic principles relating to the Greek appeal to the United Nations principles which are regarded as indispensable for the strengthening of peace in the Balkans is of happy augury for the success of a general effort for agreement on an international plane," he said. "Greece, which earnestly desires peace with her neighbours, hopes that more general observations and suggestions of the Commission of Enquiry will serve as the basis for decisions to be taken by the Security Council and will progressively lead to international tranquillity," he added.

(The report on guerrilla activity on the Greek frontier signed by eleven members of the Commission was understood to include proposals for frontier pacification and maintenance of peace. With Russia and Poland dissenting, the Commission proposed that, for two years at least, a small commission or single commissioner should watch over conditions on both sides of the Greek frontier.) —Reuter.

French Attitude On Colonies

Washington, May 24. France's attitude toward her overseas territories has become a policy of union rather than empire, French Ambassador Henri Bonnet said tonight in a radio talk.

Bonnet outlined "France in the Post-War World" in the weekly programme "Our Foreign Policy."

Asked whether France proposed independence for its empire, Bonnet replied, "The policy of France toward her empire is clearly indicated by the fact that there is no longer any talk of the French empire but of the French union. That policy was outlined in 1944 before the liberation at a conference held in Brazzaville."

"Since then it has been elaborated in more complete detail and incorporated in the new Constitution. Its purpose is to organize the various territories linked with France in various parts of the world into a federation, each area having —according to its development—its own system of self-government or is being progressively trained to that end."

Indo-China

"Conditions, of course, are very different in those various territories due either to geographical position or the development of the population. One cannot compare the conditions of North or Central Africa with

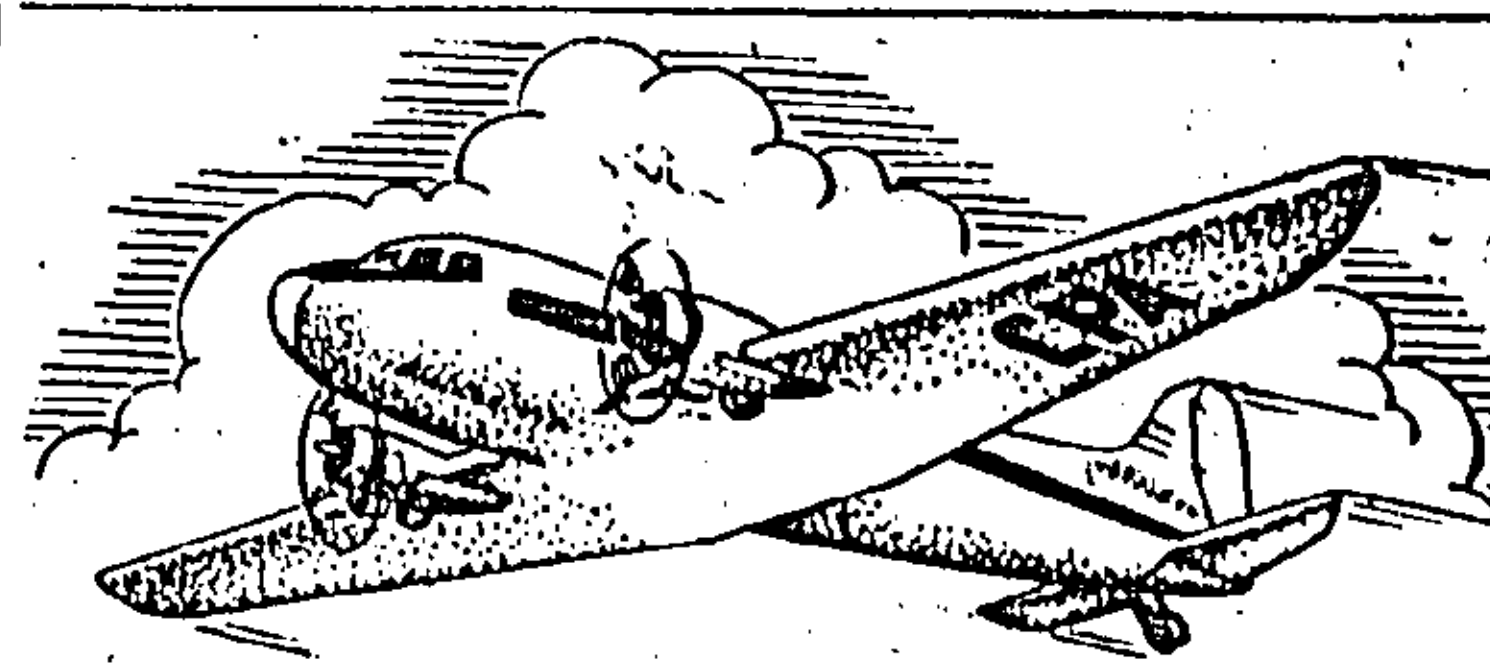
those of the Congo or Indo-China." Bonnet continued, "Algeria also is considered a part of France. In various parts of the Union which are ready for self-administration local assemblies will be created to deal with the administration like any state assembly in the world."

"The outline of an arrangement of that kind was made with the Vietnam Government of Indo-China last year. It was not possible, unfortunately, to put it into practice because of trouble arising there. But the policy toward Indo-China remains the same and will be applied when peace and order have been reestablished." —United Press.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN POLAND

Warsaw, May 24. Hundreds of political demonstrations will be held in the towns and villages of Poland this Whit Sunday. The Peasant Party, led by M. Stanislaw Mijalski, has called on its supporters to continue its opposition to the Government. —Reuter.

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British Gave Them Some Ideas

London, May 24. Nine high-ranking American officers, who flew the Atlantic specially to attend a week's course at the School of Air Support near Salisbury, after watching a two-day demonstration of the latest British methods in this sphere, state that they will return to the U.S.A. with many new ideas.

One unusual feature they witnessed, was the dropping of supplies to ground troops by a light aircraft.

This machine, a "Tempest" flushed in suddenly at a height of about 100 feet. Almost before the supplies, which were attached to two small black parachutes, had touched down in the target area, the machine was out of sight.

Included in the demonstration was an "Auster" aircraft, requiring only a brief take off, being used as an air ambulance. Some 50 of these aeroplanes were used to remove wounded from restricted areas in the later stages of the Burma campaign.

Sapper On Grave Charge

Croydon, May 24. Sapper Edward Arthur Earnshaw, 29, Royal Engineers, was remanded for one week at the Croydon Magistrates' Court today, charged with shooting at Thomas Arthur Beall and Police Constable Albert Thomas Hunge with intent to murder them at Thornton Heath yesterday. Earnshaw was also charged with stealing a bicycle, the property of Beall, on May 23. A detective-inspector said that when told that the gun found in prisoner's possession was part of an army rifle, the prisoner said that he got the gun from an army camp where he was stationed. When charged, Earnshaw was alleged to have said: "I shall plead guilty so what does it matter."—Reuter.

Colonial War Fears

Amsterdam, May 24. A colonial war may result from the recent developments of the Sundanes Freedom Movement, declared Lambertus Palar, Indonesian-born Labour Party member of the Dutch Second Chamber in a press interview here today.

Palar, who has just returned from a three-week fact-finding tour of the Indonesian Republic and other territories in the archipelago on behalf of the Labour Party, said that discussions on implementation of the Lijagadji agreement had reached a very difficult stage, mainly because neither the Dutch nor Indonesians were prepared to make concessions. He referred to the allegations that he had been sent to Indonesia by the Russian Embassy to contact the Premier of the Indonesian Republic, Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, as "designed to bring me into discredit with the Dutch Government."

The allegations were made in a confidential report, submitted to the Dutch Government by the Netherlands Indies Army intelligence service, but were published, however, in some Dutch newspapers.

"Unsavory"

Asked what he thought of the Sundanes Freedom Movement, Palar said that he thought the movement had "bied itself to death" but that recent events in Buitenzorg had proved otherwise.

"With the help of the Dutch Army, the Sundanes have occupied Buitenzorg," he declared, adding that "a colonial war may result from these unsavory developments."

Referring to the Indonesian situation in general, Palar said that while the Dutch have superior weapons, the Indonesians have tasted freedom, and would rather fight to the death than relinquish this.

The flow of troops to the Netherlands East Indies arouses the suspicion of the Indonesians more than anything else, he added.—Reuter.

Tokyo, May 25. Sharp price increases have nullified wage gains won by Japanese labour in its new post-war freedom, General Douglas MacArthur said in his latest report on Japan, released today.

As a result, labour has brought constant pressure to bear on the Government to "halt inflation and ease the situation," Gen. MacArthur observed in his summary of February activity.

SCAP quoted the publication, *Oriental Economist*, estimate that black market prices in January were 60 per cent higher than those in September, 1946, and that the situation was aggravated by delay in the delivery of rice rations.

There were no significant strike in the period covered. An outstanding wage negotiation was that of the Japanese Government with its 2,700,000 employees which saw the wage bill doubled and reaching almost 16,000,000,000 yen annually.

Coal Production

Gen. MacArthur also reported that completed statistics showed that the Japanese agricultural production suffered in 1946 when "adequate labour supply and generally favourable weather were offset by serious fertilizer and insecticide shortage."

Coal production continued to be one of the Japanese Government's biggest headaches, taking a brief slump then showing an upturn. Larger allocations of coal were made to the vital steel industry and brought increased production of pig iron and open hearth steel so urgently needed in the nation's reconstruction.

Export Up

The decline in coal production also was reflected in the slump in the output of cotton yarn, raw silk, woolen and worsted yarns, spun rayon yarns and knitted and sewing goods. Further the coal shortage continued to limit the use of household gas.

Exports from Japan showed that a gain with Korea and the United States is continuing to account for the bulk of the trade.

Important new items shipped to the United States were agar agar and bamboo products and raw silk shipments to Britain and Australia.—Associated Press.

REACTION V. PROGRESS

Hamburg, May 24. Colonel Tolpauer, head of the Soviet military administration, political department, told a rally of the German Youth Parliament at Meiberg (Soviet Zone) today that no fight exists between the east and west but only a struggle between reaction and progress.

"The world is divided politically and geographically into reactionaries and anti-Fascists," he added.—Reuter.

Uranium Found In Colorado

Washington, May 24. A Senate source said today that the largest deposits of uranium are yet found in the United States have been discovered in the Colorado River basin area.

The Atomic Energy Commission has been urged to push development in these deposits in the hope of making the United States independent of foreign supplies.

Most of the uranium used in the United States \$2,000,000,000 atomic energy project comes from the Great Bear Lake region in northern Canada.

Another important source is the Belgian Congo. The Atomic Energy Commission refused to comment on published reports that sizeable uranium deposits have been found in the Arizona copper mine and southeastern Utah and along the Arizona-Utah border. But it has long been known that Colorado possesses uranium bearing ore and the entire Colorado River basin is a likely prospecting area.—United Press.

VATICAN AND MEXICO

Vatican City, May 24. Sources close to the Vatican Secretariat of State disclosed today that first steps toward a possible resumption of diplomatic relations between Mexico and the Holy See are imminent.

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